

## Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., September 10, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Liberty, Tenn. , September 10, 1834.

*my dear Andrew*, I have reached here in safety and in similar health as I left you. I trust in a kind providence that our dear sarah and the babe are still improving in health and my dear little Rachel is in good health. I did not suppose that my anxiety for sarah and the dear little ones would have been so great as it is. I shall be uneasy until I hear that she and the dear little babe is intirely recovered.

I have had some conversation with Doctor Gwinn on the subject of my friend Mr. McLamores situation. I say to you, in strict confidence, that I find it is worse than I anticipated, and I fear, nay much fear, that William and Stockly will ultimately be ruined. I therefore conjure you my son to keep clear of indorsements or obligations of every kind, or you may also be ruined. I have gone as far in my responsibilities as I can comply with, and I wish that Major A. J. Donelson may not have involved himself in difficulties, from which he may find it inconvenient, and injurious before he gets clear of it. I therefore repeat to you, my dear Andrew, not to involve yourself any more by indorsements, or creating debts except for the family and farm, but say to all and every one that I have absolutely enjoined you not for any one.

You were thinking of exchanging the tract in the western District with Mr. McLamore. I wish you to see the land first, and as Mr. McLamore has been giving mortgages (more than one) [and] you are too young to investigate titles you had better refrain from saying any

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thing more about it untill you see the land, and consult George Martin on the subject and write me before you do any thing conclusive in that business.

You know my anxiety about my blooded stock, and finding the McLamore mare and the two year old out of the corn field which you and myself both thought was looked to by Peter shews, that there is no confidence to be reposed in these old servants, induces me now to name it and draw your attention to it, that you may have your eye occasionally to them—it is for your benefit, not mine, altho it will be a gratification to hear that they are well attended to for your benefit. unless the two year olds are now pushed they will be too small, and the oscar fillies two year old stud is particularly pushed, he will terminate in the poney order, he is stunted by the want of feeding this summer and unless now pushed he will not have size. I am told by George that the Bolivar two year old fights the other two. it will be well to order Dunwody to sepearate the food in the two troughs so that the others can have a fair chance, have these three well fed, and McLamores mare and colt with the three year old kept in the cornfield until her colt gets in good order and next month wean it with the virginians colt and the others.

I have not time to write sarah—kiss her and the dear little ones for me, and say to her let nothing disturb her mind, that I nightly offer up my prayers to the throne of grace for the health and safety of you all, and that we ought *all* to rely with confidence on the promises of our dear redeemer, and give him our hearts, this is all he requires and all that we can do, and if we sincerely do this, we are sure of salvation thro' his attonement. I shall write to my dear sarah and you the next leisure.

What I have said to you about the situation of Mr. McLamore and others are in strict confidence, therefore no eye is to see it but yours. . . .